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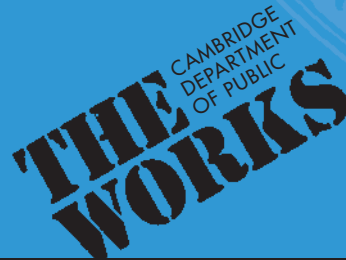
The DPW will clear the streets as soon as possible. Our goals are to chemically treat all major arteries within three hours of when snow begins (treating the most traveled roads first), to keep main arteries plowed during all stages of a storm, and to clear all streets and the sidewalks bordering City property once a storm has stopped.

And you do yours:

As a property owner you are required to:

- Remove snow from all sidewalks next to your property or business within **12 hours** after snow stops falling in the day time, and before 1PM when the snow has fallen during the night. You are also required to clear ice off sidewalks or treat them with an ice-melting substance **within six hours** of the time the ice forms.
- Make openings in snow banks between the streets and sidewalks at crosswalks, street corners, and bus stops.
- If your home or business is on a corner, please shovel an opening from the sidewalk to the street. If your business is next to a crosswalk, please shovel a wide opening— help pedestrians get onto the sidewalks safely! Ask yourself "Is the path I cleared wide enough for someone using a stroller or wheelchair to get through?"
- Corner homes and businesses: Don't forget to shovel the side-street sidewalk as well as the sidewalk in front of your property.

Together, we'll get the job done!



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Snow: Our Winter Challenge



A Guide for Cambridge
Property Owners And
Residents

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It's the neighborly thing to do!

Snow and ice make walking difficult for everyone: school children, mail carriers, elders, and T riders. In Cambridge almost everyone walks at some time. If you own property, remember to:

- Keep the adjacent sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

If you go out of town, be sure someone else will do it.



- Clear openings at corners and crosswalks so pedestrians can cross safely.
- Dig out fire hydrants and catch basins.
- Always park your car at least 20 feet from the street corner so plows can push snow away from the crosswalks.

- Pay attention to "No Parking" signs during snow emergencies.

It's the law!

If you fail to comply with the City's sidewalk clearance ordinances, you will be issued a \$25 a day fine for violations.

Don't throw snow from your sidewalks into the street. When digging out your car, don't throw snow over the sidewalk, either. It is illegal to "reserve" parking spaces; objects left in on-street parking spaces will be hauled away.

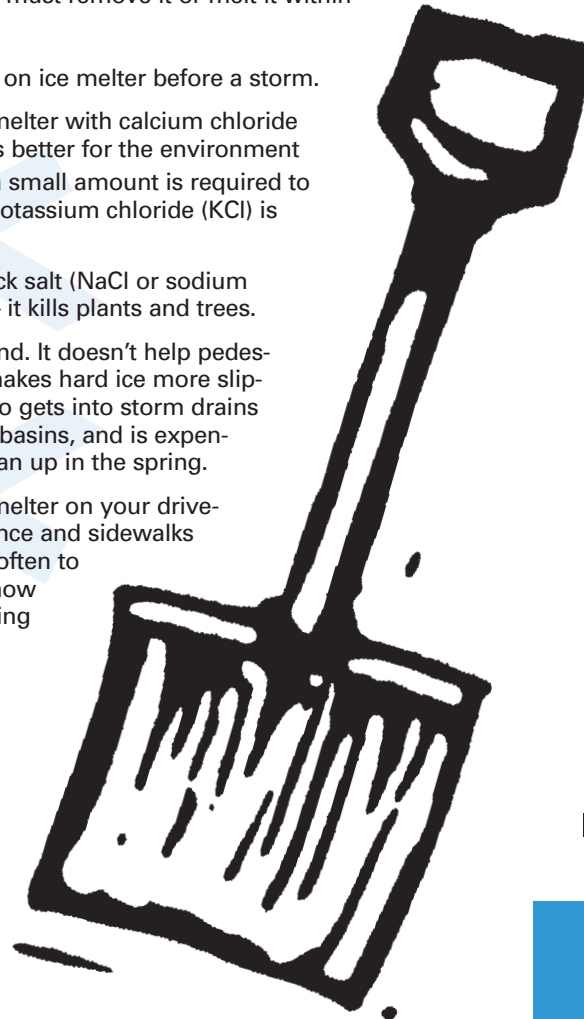
Please don't take it personally.

Often the DPW plows snow back into your driveway. Pushing snow into a driveway opening or along a car parked on the street is really unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.

About that ice:

For people on foot, ice can be worse than snow. It can cause dangerous falls. You are as responsible for ice on your sidewalks as you are for snow. You must remove it or melt it within 6 hours.

- Stock up on ice melter before a storm.
- Use ice melter with calcium chloride (CaCl_2). It's better for the environment and only a small amount is required to melt ice. Potassium chloride (KCl) is okay, too.
- Avoid rock salt (NaCl or sodium chloride) – it kills plants and trees.
- Avoid sand. It doesn't help pedestrians; it makes hard ice more slippery. It also gets into storm drains and catch basins, and is expensive to clean up in the spring.
- Use ice melter on your driveway entrance and sidewalks early and often to prevent snow from packing down and forming into ice.



Sidewalk Hotline: 617- 349-4903

Help keep the City's 225 miles of sidewalks safe by reporting unshoveled or icy sidewalks to the Snow Hotline, 617.349.4903 (TTY: 617.349.4805) 24 hours a day. Please leave an accurate address.

What if you need help?

If you are a homeowner with a low income (defined as \$20,069 for a one-person household) and you are elderly or disabled, you may qualify for the City's Snow Exemption Program. If you qualify, the DPW will shovel your sidewalk.

To apply, call the Cambridge Council on Aging, 617.349.6220 (TTY: 617.349.6050).

If you do not qualify, the Council on Aging can provide you with a limited list of students who want to earn money by shoveling – you contact the student and negotiate a price – or a list of professional snow removal companies.

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